



## Maine EMD Project

### EMD Advisory Committee

17 August 2006

### Minutes

- 1) Introductions
  - a) Committee Members:
    - i) David Kingdon, State EMD Coordinator (Maine EMS)
    - ii) Stephan Bunker, State 911 Operations Manager (Maine ESCB)
    - iii) Linda Dunno, PSAP Rep: Non-EMD user (Hancock County 911)
    - iv) Stephanie Gibbs, PSAP Rep: MPD user (Knox County 911)
    - v) Peter Bragdon, PSAP Rep: NECI user (Androscoggin County Sheriff's)
    - vi) Kathy Blagdon, PSAP Rep: PowerPhone user (Lincoln County 911)
    - vii) Brian Gregoire, Line EMD (Brunswick Police)
    - viii) Tim Beals, EMS Agency Manager (Delta Ambulance)
  - b) Participants in Discussion:
    - i) Drexell White, Maine EMS
    - ii) Michael Smith, Somerset County Communications
    - iii) Steve Diaz, MD, Maine EMS
- 2) Maine EMD Update, including:
  - a) ESCB Training Needs Assessment
    - i) PowerPhone (6) agency requests
    - ii) NECI (8) agency requests
    - iii) MPD (18) agency requests
    - iv) Expects N=100 for total initial training students
    - v) Combination of Academy and Regionally-held courses will be offered
  - b) EMD Director Resource Manual & Orientation
    - i) 08/22/06 @ 14:30 - MCJA
    - ii) RSVPs from ~30 agencies
    - iii) Updates will be posted on web
  - c) EMS Board action
    - i) Adopted Rules, as well as criteria for Protocol & Training/Testing/Instructors
  - d) EMD Rules filing
    - i) Filed with SOS, should be published by 08/23/06
  - e) Maine EMD application process
    - i) **Forms will be distributed with the minutes – open to input**
    - ii) CEH discussion evolved out of this, re: approval process, role of regions, timing & process for state vs. national (re) certification, law enforcement adjustment to EMS paradigm
  - f) Personnel & next steps
    - i) DK's last day as the FT on-site state EMD coordinator will be 8/25/06
    - ii) Has expressed his willingness to do PT off-site contract support of project
    - iii) DK and Jay Bradshaw taking recommendations for candidates
- 3) Review / revise remaining Maine EMD Criteria:
  - a) QA/QI program plan
    - i) EMD committee made revisions (**see attached**); this version will be forwarded to Medical Directions and Practices Board (**MDPB**, a group of EMS physicians in Maine) and the Quality Improvement Committee (**QI**, they will assist us with developing a form for PSAP → State reporting of data)

- b) CEH criteria
  - i) Likewise, EMD committee made and suggested revisions (**see attached**); this version will be forwarded to the **MDPB** for their input regarding the role of local or regional EMS physicians.
  - ii) For Maine EMS **Operations Team**: Regional Coordinators should be reminded about the importance of heightening the profile of EMD in their regions, especially expanding educational offerings to have EMD-specific content and programs
- c) Maine EMD functional position description
  - i) EMD committee made revisions (**see attached**); this version will be forwarded to Assistant Attorney General (**AAG**) Laura Yustak-Smith for further review
- 4) Review / final recommendations for Maine “common” version of NECI protocol
  - a) PB has been working on the content and formatting and has made lots of progress
  - b) He and DK are confident that the common version is an advance for Maine NECI
  - c) National NECI recently approached PB offering to the assist with publication of the new version: printing, tabbing, adding a “Maine EMS-approved Common Version” title
  - d) PB also has National NECI’s template for QA, etc.
- 5) Revisit aspirin instructions for non-traumatic chest pain – Dr. Diaz
  - a) SD had to leave the meeting early, but DK briefed the committee on SD’s desire to have said instructions approved; described some of the rationale vs. SD’s feeling it is a high-benefit low-risk instruction. He will revisit committee on this.
- 6) Assess diabetic instructions in conditionally-approved protocols
  - a) Group discussed diabetic instructions, particularly those in the stock version of PowerPhone (give instructions “if responders delayed” including administering sugar in a semi-conscious or unconscious patient; also instructions for food / drink in a conscious patient) and whether or not Maine is comfortable with this.
  - b) Vermont was not, and PowerPhone made an alternative Diabetic card for them.
  - c) Group expressed concern; this issue will also be brought before the **MDPB**.
- 7) Open discussion
  - a) BG asked if one PSAP can be using multiple EMD protocols
    - i) DK clarified that a PSAP should choose one system and have all its personnel trained and practicing that one protocol
  - b) SG raised a question about non-EMD certified 911 personnel in-training: how far are they allowed to go in 911 call taking / processing?
    - i) DK’s interpretation is that once it is determined to be a medical call, it needs to be handled by a certified EMD
    - ii) DW will look at the statute and legal counsel to elaborate this issue
    - iii) Underlying issue: availability and frequency of EMD training opportunities – should improve with this new statewide initiative
- 8) Adjourn
  - a) Next meeting: **Thursday, September 14th, 13:00, Maine Department of Public Safety, deChamplain Room** (Maine DPS is at 45 Commerce Drive, “the old SCI / Digital Equipment Building” off Rt. 27 in north Augusta, towards Belgrade, the same building that houses the new Central Maine Regional Communications Center).